

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 and add new Claims 18-22 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A recording medium comprising:

a paper substrate having two surfaces, on both of which are provided an ink receiving layer containing an inorganic pigment and an outermost surface layer consisting of thermoplastic latex resin, in this order,

wherein the outermost latex surface layer forms a transparent film upon heating of the recording medium medium,

wherein the average particle size of the latex is 0.1 to 1.0 μm .

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2. (Original) A recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein the inorganic pigment comprises alumina hydrate.

3. (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein the difference in the amount of coating between said ink receiving layers on the two surfaces of the substrate is equal to or less than 15 g/m².

4. (Withdrawn) A recording method comprising the steps of:

performing ink-jet recording on the recording medium according to Claim 1;
and